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SUBJECT: AIR BRIDGE DENIAL: MAY 2005 PROGRAM UPDATE

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1. (U) This is the May, 2005, Air Bridge Denial (ABD) activity report required by reftel. There were no Phase I/II/III events during this period.

2. (SBU) In May, 2005, 3,011 tracks were noted over Colombia, of which 37 were declared Unknown, Assumed Suspect (UAS) aircraft. Five were eventually identified as friendly and one was declared invalid by JIATF-S. Of the 31 remaining, the GOC reacted to 19 UAS, none of which could be located. The GOC did not react to 12 UAS: five were outside Colombian borders, three were in international waters, two were in weather covered areas, one had old information, and one was beyond range.

Flight Operations

3. (SBU) In May, 2005, the Citations flew 192 hours on 72 missions with an operational readiness rate of 95 percent. Forty-three missions were flown on host-nation intelligence/radar patrols; eighteen were flown for ROTHF responses; six for training; four for operational support; and one for reaction to GOC information. The P-3/E3 AEW aircraft flew missions over Colombia on three days during May.

4. (SBU) To date in 2005, there have been two Phase III events. The GOC destroyed two aircraft, one Phase I, six Law Enforcement End Games (including one of the Phase IIIs and the Phase I), one arrest, five aircraft administratively impounded and 600 kilos of cocaine impounded.

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